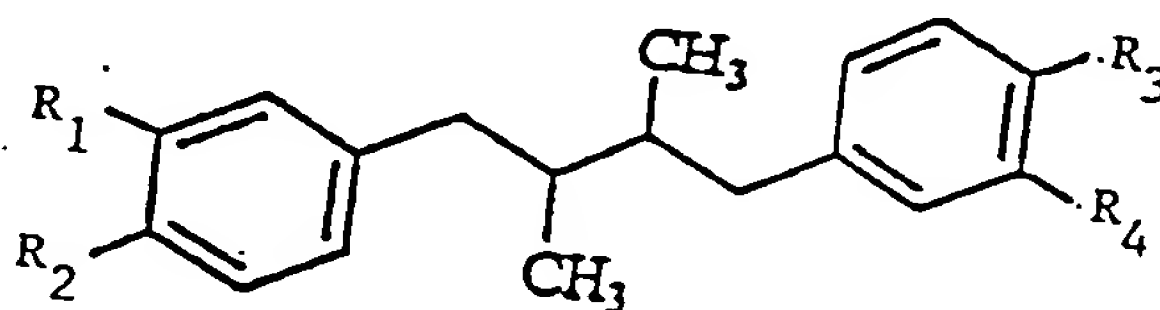


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for suppressing undesired viral growth in a host which comprises administering to the host an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of HO-, CH<sub>3</sub>O- and CH<sub>3</sub>(C=O)O-. The method is exemplified by inhibiting Tat transactivation of a lentivirus and in suppressing Herpes simplex virus.